# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1379
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INCLUSION OF CASTES
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the castes known by the names Paan, Tatwa and Tanti in Bihar fall in the same category of caste;

(b) if so, whether the Paan Caste has been included in the list of Scheduled Castes whereas the Tatwa and Tanti Castes have been included in the list of Backward Castes;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has received any requests/proposal from the State Government of Bihar and the Institute of Social Studies to treat all the three castes as similar and include them in the Scheduled Castes list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Pan (not Pann) caste has been specified as a Scheduled Caste, and Tanti (Tatwa) as Other Backward Class (OBC) in the Central List of OBCs, in relation to the State of Bihar.

(c) & (d) The Government of Bihar, vide their letter dated 05.08.2011, had recommended inclusion of Tanti (Tatwa) as a synonym of Pan, specified as a Scheduled Caste in relation to Bihar. The proposal was processed in accordance with the approved Modalities. The observations of the Registrar General of India on the matter have been communicated to the Government of Bihar vide this Ministry`s letter dated 31.01.2013, for appropriate action at their end.